	Total up to Phase IV
% no. of Road works completed	66%
Length of Road works approved (in Km)	6417.92
Length of Road works completed (in Km)	3884.00
% length of Road works completed	61%

Orissa has been identified as one of the States to be assisted by the Asian Development Bank for PMGSY under Rural Road Sector II Project (RRSIIP). Under 'Bharat Nirman', it is proposed to construct 9993 kms of new roads connecting 4447 habitations and upgradation of 14161 kms by 2008-09.

The road works for Phase-V for a length of 1907.65 km and 1189.17 kms under ADB funded projects under RRSIIP have been cleared by the Ministry during this year and these works are likely to be awarded shortly.

The State is required to enhance its capacity to undertake such volume of work within the stipulated time frame.

Implementation of NREGA

116. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI RAASHID ALVI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether with most of the States seeking more time to implement the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA);

(b) if so,the States which have sought more time and what are the main reasons for the same;

(c) whether the Prime Minister has written to all the CMs asking them to speedily put in place a mechanism for implementation of the scheme and ensure transparency; and

(d) to what extent Union Government has agreed to provide help and assistance to these States to implement the scheme immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 was notified in the Gazette of India on 7th September, 2005. Section 1 (3) of the Act provides that the Act shall come into force on such a date as the Central Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint; and different dates may be appointed for different States or for different areas in a State. The State Government is required to formulate schemes within a period of six months from the date of such notification. The Central Government has so far not notified the date of implementation of the Act. None of the States has so far sought for more time for the implementation of the Act.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Entire cost of unskilled wages, 75% of the material and skilled wage cost and administrative expenses as determined by the Central Government, will be met by the Central Government.

Establishing village knowledge centres

117. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is need for establishing Village Knowledge Centres to serve as helpdesks, Confidence builders and e-governance nodal points for empowering villagers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to develop such centres in Orissa to help the villagers to increase their knowledge, inculcate reading habits and generate employment potential in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYA KANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) As per the information provided by NABARD, there is need for establishing Village Knowledge Centres (VKCs) to promote E-Business, E-Governance and Information Dissemination in Rural Areas. An announcement has been